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SUBJECT: CODEL ELLENDER

Senator Allen J. Ellender arrived at Ratmalana Airport at 4:00 p.m., August 27, for a week's visit in Ceylon.

While expressing a desire to inquire into USIS and USOM activities, he also said that he would like to use his stay on the Island as an opportunity for a short holiday.

He was interviewed at the airport by a reporter from the Times of Ceylon, whose story as it appeared in the August 28 issue is attached. There was virtually no other press coverage of his visit.

The Counselor of Embassy gave a dinner party for the Senator on August 27 and the Ambassador gave one on August 30.

August 28 the Senator spent sightseeing in Colombo and on a visit to a nearby gem pit.

As he had expressed a desire to see Ceylon's agriculture, a two-day trip was arranged for him on August 29 and 30 through coconut, rubber and tea estates via Kandy, Anuradhapura and Pattalam.

On August 31, the Senator interviewed the Public Affairs Officer and Acting Director of USOM. The latter is reporting separately on his conversation with him.

At 9:30 a.m., September 1, accompanied by the Ambassador, he made a courtesy call on the Governor-General.

Senator Ellender departed Ratmalana Airport on September 2 at 7:30 a.m. via KLM for Djakarta after expressing pleasure at his visit and the facilities offered him by the Embassy.

State Dept. review completed

For the Ambassador:

Encl:

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Henry T. Smith
Counselor of Embassy

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Colombo, Ceylon.

'SUEZ CRISIS WILL SETTLE ITSELF'

The Suez crisis will settle itself according to Senator Allen J. Ellender (Democrat Louisiana). He hoped America would not be drawn into anything that would result in her footing the bills.

Senator Ellender, who arrived in Colombo yesterday by an Indian Airlines plane, told "The Times of Ceylon" that he was on his way to Australia and Djakarta. He said he would spend a few days in Ceylon.

Senator Ellender was in Ceylon last year too to probe the work of the American embassies. He has been a Senator for the past 24 years.

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